

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Creator of all good things has abundantly blessed the State of South Dakota with the soil so fertile that it is capable of producing many kinds of crops and producing them in abundance; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our duties as faithful stewards, to protect, preserve and wisely use its resources and productivity from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, such stewardship embodies the safeguarding of our fields from soil erosion and living waters from drying up, our forests from decimation and protecting our ranges from overgrazing by our herds, so that our descendants may have the same abundance from the good earth that we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we recognize any failure in this stewardship of our Land on our part, not only impoverishes the present generation, but by wind or water erosion our fruitful fields can eventually become sterile stony ground and wasting gullies, and our descendants will live in poverty because of neglect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE FOSB GOVERNOR of the State of South Dakota, in view of these facts and to call attention to all citizens of this State to the importance of perpetuating this stewardship of our soil and to conserve soil and water resources and prevent soil erosion as carried on, especially by the 69 Soil Conservation Districts organized in accordance with the laws of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11 to May 18

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 25 day of April, 1958

Joe Foss
Governor

ATTEST:

Clara Halle
Secretary of State

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